## **Mid-Atlantic Diesel Collaborative**

EPA Region 3 - Philadelphia

**Geographic location or area of activity**: Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

**Description of activity**: The Mid-Atlantic Diesel Collaborative (MADC) is a partnership of leaders from federal, state, and local government, the private sector and environmental groups in throughout the Region. Currently, the MADC has over 50 stakeholders. The Collaborative is part of an overall national campaign to reduce diesel emissions.

MADC's mission is to reduce diesel emissions to protect public health throughout the Mid-Atlantic Region by: leveraging resources and expertise to reduce diesel emissions to improve and protect public health throughout the Mid-Atlantic Region; promoting collaboration and coordination among projects within the Region, and raising awareness of activities underway and the need for additional diesel emission reduction projects in the Mid-Atlantic.

## Its strategy is to:

- Facilitate the education and awareness of key constituent groups in the Region about diesel pollution as a public health and quality of life issue and ways to improve air quality
- Provide a forum for diverse stakeholders to exchange ideas to reduce diesel emissions
- Implement projects throughout the Region by leveraging funds from a variety of sources to achieve measurable emissions reductions and create momentum for future diesel emission reductions
- Promote, review and publicly recognize voluntary projects and strategies in the Mid-Atlantic region that increase the availability and use of verified technologies, idling reduction technologies and emission reducing fuel
- Employ practices and habits to reduce fuel consumption; encourage participation in the Collaborative and share information and expertise to facilitate administration of projects to reduce diesel emissions throughout the Region

The MADC is structured into five sectors concentrating on urban fleets, goods movement (supply chain), construction, school buses, and outreach and communications.

In fiscal year 2007 Region 3 has reduced diesel related emissions from 2500 vehicles/engines by 210,000 tons.

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